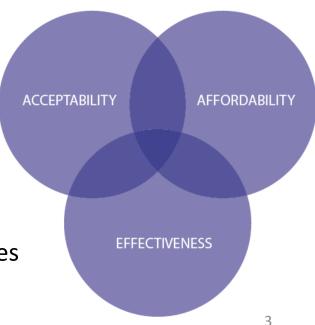
# Feasible Options Study Central Arlington Heights Watershed Final Recommendations

Public Meeting
October 13, 2011



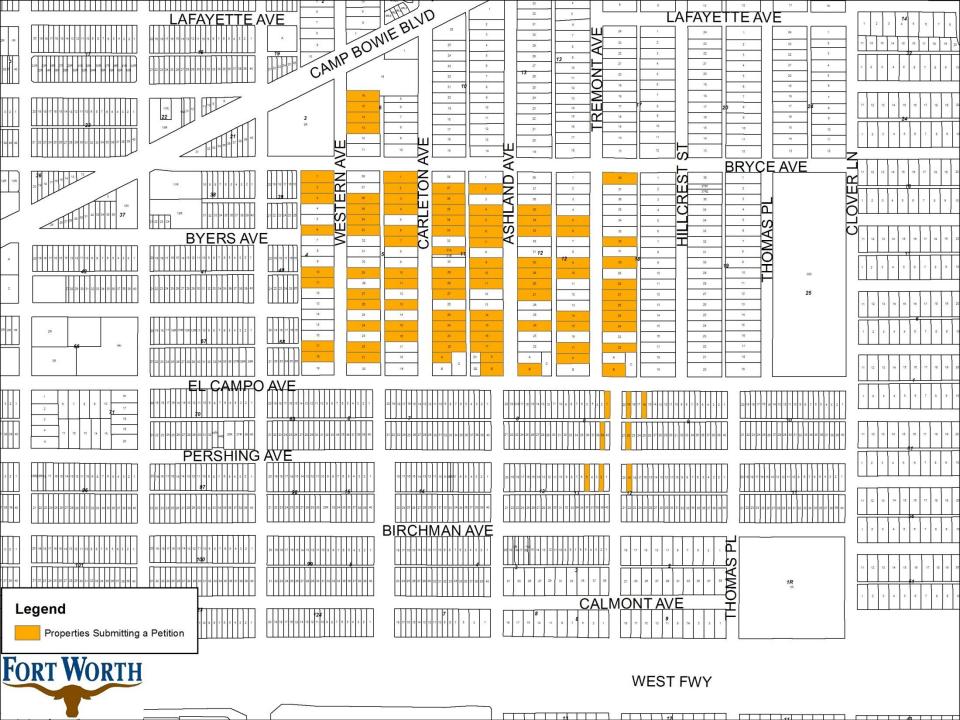
#### Timeline – Before Tonight

- September 22, 2010 Initial Public Meeting
  - Introduced study, answered questions
- October 28, 2010 Stakeholder Meeting
  - Discussed problem in greater detail, talked about various options
- December 9, 2010 Stakeholder Meeting
  - Discussed general strategies
  - Strong push back regarding options involving buyout of homes
- January 15, 2010 Tour of Arlington Heights
- February 24, 2011 Stakeholder Meeting
  - Presented options
  - Discussion and feedback
- March 3, 2011 Public Meeting
  - Presented options
  - Discussion and feedback
  - Attendees voted on options with interactive devices

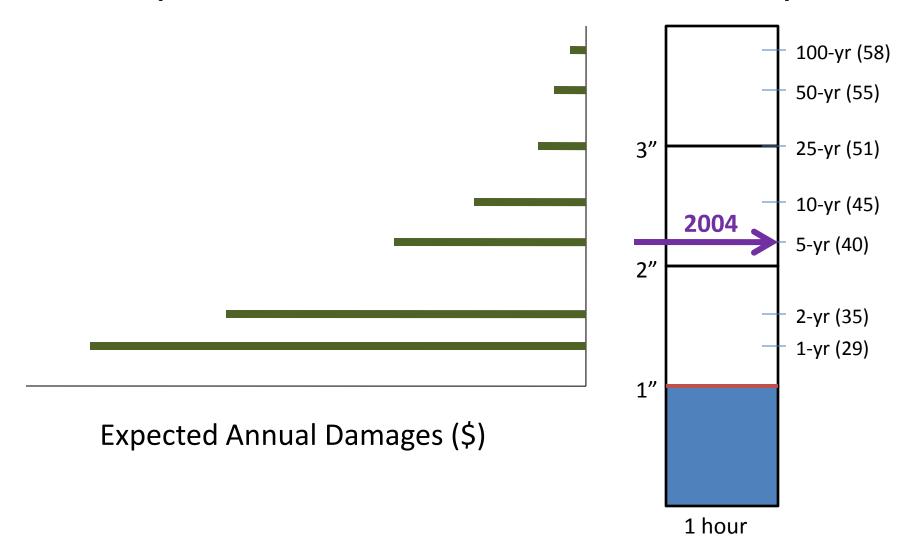


#### Possible Mitigation Measures

- Increase storage (detention)
- Increase conveyance (pipes, channels)
- Avoidance (floodproof, acquisition)
- Coping (flood insurance, flood warning)



## Expected Annual Damage (considers likelihood of event)



#### **General Conclusions**

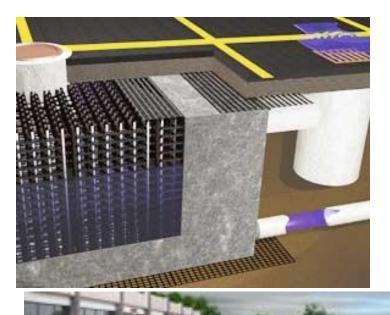
- We did not find the "magic solution" or the "silver bullet"
- Challenges and obstacles identified in past studies were validated
- The watershed is fully developed, and costeffective solutions generally require land
- "Invisible" solutions can be implemented with underground infrastructure, but this is much more costly
- Community is opposed to alternatives involving mandatory acquisition of homes

#### Tonight

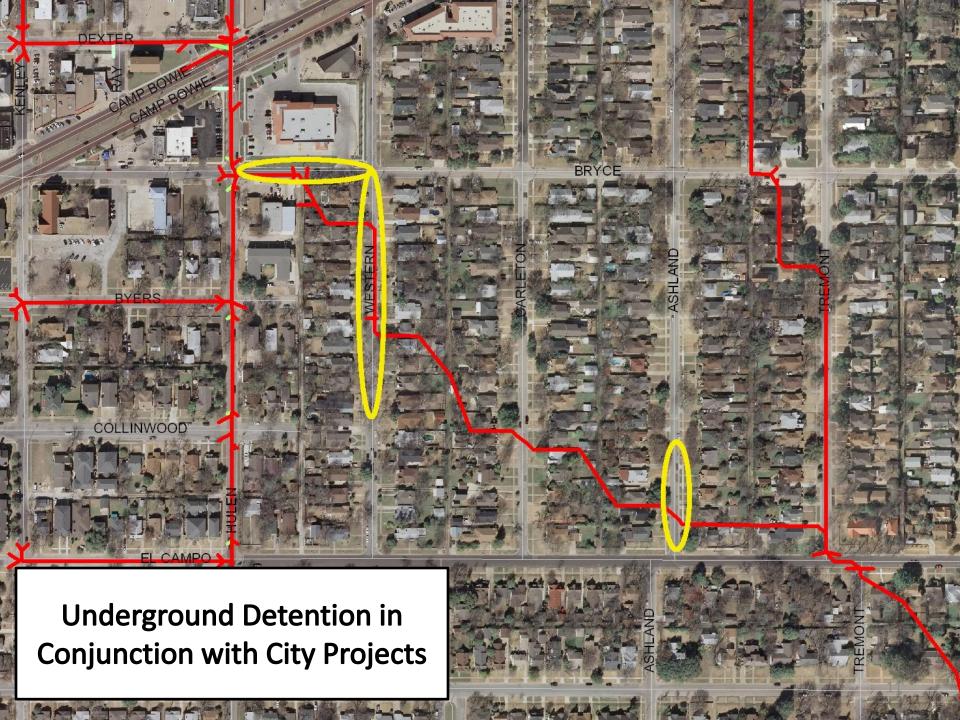
- Presentation of Feasible Options
- Recommendations
- Action Items

## Short-Term Recommendations

#### **Underground Storage Units**







#### Underground Detention in Conjunction with City Projects

- City paving and utility projects afford the opportunity to install underground detention in City Right-of-Way
- Feasibility of individual opportunities must be confirmed
- Most effective in low lying areas
- Current opportunities
  - Repaving of Western between Bryce and El Campo
  - Water and sewer project along Ashland between Bryce and El Campo
- Will provide storage of excess stormwater during rainfall events
- Incremental relief from flooding



## 2. Property Acquisition/Detention – Commercial Property near Hulen & Bryce

- Acquire <u>available</u> commercial and/or multi-family property in vicinity of intersection
  - City has purchased a property at southeast corner
- Construct interim detention
  - Small detention basins
  - Rain gardens
- Investigate demonstration project opportunities at Walgreens
- Demonstration of City's ability to maintain property in acceptable manner
- Eventually larger detention and structures to divert water
- Challenge is elevation of land

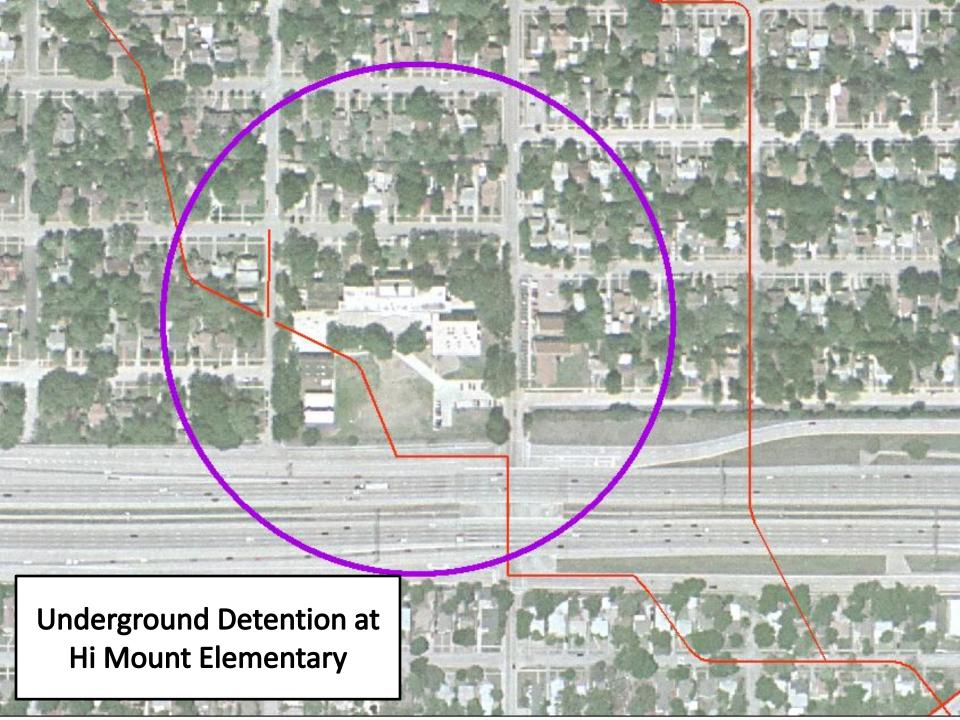
#### 3. Voluntary Property Acquisition

- If approached by property owner, consider acquisition of flood-prone properties
- Reactive, not proactive
- Criteria for evaluation
- City-wide
- Secondary use considerations

#### Mid-Term Recommendations

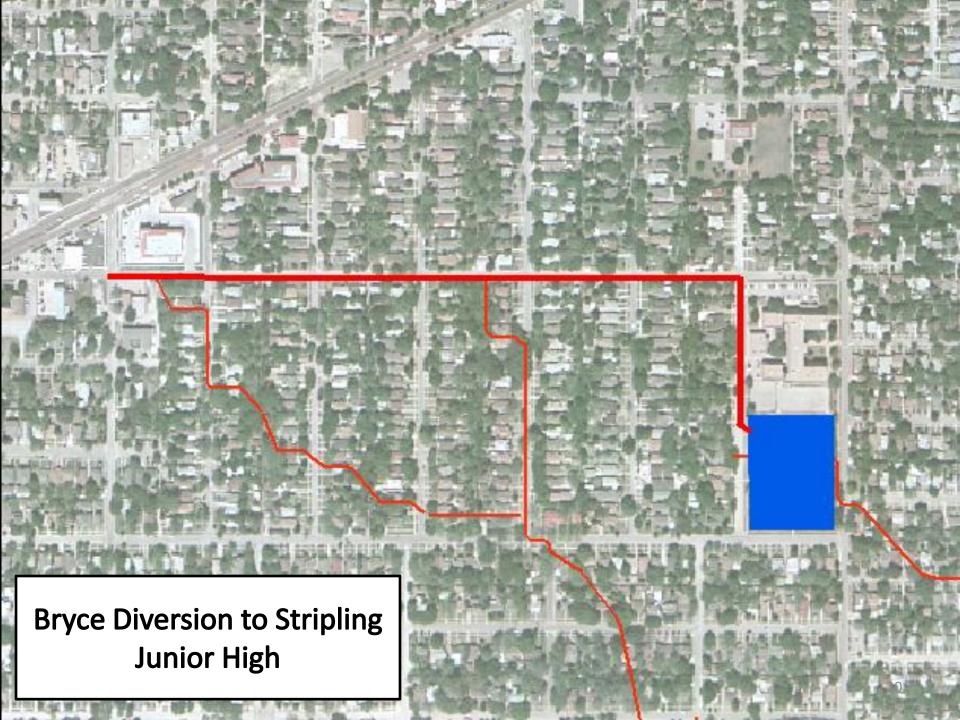
- May require coordination with others and alignment of schedules
- Additional refinement and cost analysis required





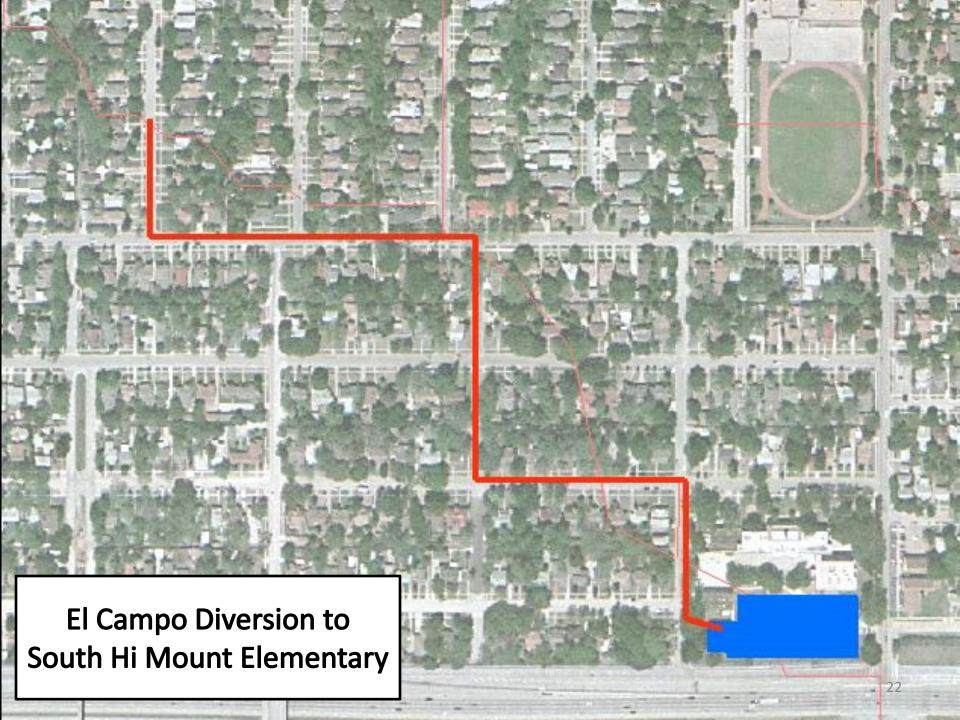
#### 4. Underground Detention at Schools

- Construct underground detention on campus
  - Stripling Junior High
  - South Hi Mount Elementary
- Initially Demonstration Projects to assist local drainage
- Note: Fort Worth ISD has utilized underground detention to offset development impacts on some projects



Bryce – Looking East from Ashland





## 5. Install Storm Drains to Divert Flow to Underground Detention at Schools

- Diversion storm drain along Bryce, from Hulen to Stripling
- Diversion storm sewer along El Campo and others, from Carleton to South Hi Mount
- Must demonstrate feasibility
  - Some tunneling will be required
  - Would be expensive
- Would address chronic flooding in Carleton and Western

#### **Action Items**

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- Initiate/continue coordination and communication with Fort Worth ISD and commercial property interests near Hulen/Bryce intersection, and initiate acquisition of property as available
- 2. Install underground detention in conjunction with Western Avenue repaving and Ashland water and sewer project.

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- 4. Coordinate within City to identify and implement detention opportunities with other City projects

#### Next 3-10 years

5. Complete engineering design of recommended measures, and initiate construction as funding and priorities permit

#### Ongoing

- Continue stakeholder/community engagement
- Commitment to maintenance
- Remain forward looking and opportunistic pursue opportunities and partnerships as they become available

### Questions

#### Feasibility

- Effective measures must reduce flood risk
- Affordable
  - Within funding ability of City of Fort Worth
  - Must have appropriate value
- Acceptable must be accepted by a general consensus of stakeholders

